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SUBJ: 35TH SESSION FAO SUB-GROUP ON COCOA STATISTICS

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1. SESSION CONCLUDED IN ONE DAY. REVISED PRODUCTION FIGURES THOUSAND METRIC TONS - 71/72 - 1588; 72/73 - 1418; ESTIMATE 73/74 - 1410. GRINDINGS THOUSAND METRIC TONS - 72- 1561; 73 -1544; AND 74 - 1504.

2. CONSUMING COUNTRIES WARNED HIGH PRICES WOULD ENCOURAGE SUBSTITUTES. OF PRODUCING COUNTRIES ONLY BRAZIL AND GHANA REPRESENTED AND FORMER'S "OFFICIAL FIGURES" OF PRODUCTION IN 73/74 OF 203 THOUSAND METRIC TONS ALLOWED TO STAND WHEN BRAZILIANS REFUSED TO ACCEPT COMMITTEE'S ESTIMATE OF 235.

3. FUTURE OF SUB-GROUP'S ACTIVITIES THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED. U.S. PROPOSED AND COMMITTEE AGREED WITH SOME RESERVATION BY UK AND INDONESIA THAT JULY AND OCTOBER FAO STATISTICAL BULLETIN BE PRODUCED BY FAO. COCOA ORGANIZATION WOULD ALSO PRODUCE OCTOBER STATISTICAL BULLETIN. U.S., GHANA AND BRAZIL SUGGESTED BOTH BULLETINS COULD BE PRESENTED TO A
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FALL SESSION OF SUB-GROUP WHICH COULD THEN DECIDE IF FAO

BULLETING WOULD BE SUPPRESSED. INDONESIA DEPLORED DUPLICATION
AND UK ASKED FOR JOINT BULLETIN. LATER REQUEST FINESSED
BY VITON OF FAO WHO INDICATED BOTH ORGANIZATIONS WOULD COOPERATE.

4. OCTOBER SESSION WOULD MEET BEFORE OR DURING FAO'S CCP SO
THAT ITS "FINAL" RECOMMENDATIONS ON FUTURE OF PUBLICATIONS AND
ACTIVITIES OF SUB-GROUP COULD BE PRESENTED TO CCP.VOLPE

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